

# Managing Controlled Vocabularies

The controlled vocabularies for Units, Bibliographic Identifier Types, and Note Types are stored in a [YAML](#) file located in `avalon/config/controlled_vocabulary.yml`. This file is loaded every time it is needed and is never cached. Therefore, the file can be changed without restarting Avalon.

```
units:
  - University Archives
  - Art Collection
identifier_types:
  local: Catalog Key
  oclc: OCLC
  lccn: LCCN
  issue number: Issue Number
  matrix number: Matrix Number
  music publisher: Music Publisher/Label
  videorecording identifier: Videorecording Identifier
  other: Other
note_types:
  general: General Note
  awards: Awards
  biographical/historical: Bibliographical/Historical Note
  creation/production credits: Creation/Production Credits
  language: Language Note
  local: Local Note
  performers: Performers
  statement of responsibility: Statement of Responsibility
  venue: Venue/Event Date
  other: Other
```

## Changing and Removing Unit Names

The purpose of the unit vocabulary is to ensure that collections are saved with a proper unit. Changing or removing unit names in the controlled vocabulary file will not update or remove those unit names from collections.

## Identifier Types

Identifier types are key/value pairs that map acceptable MODS `identifier@type` values to labels that will appear in the user interface for those types. Identifies the type of external record identifier in the related Other Identifier or Bibliographic ID field.

## Note Types

Note types are key/value pairs that map acceptable MODS `note@type` values to labels that will appear with notes in the user interface. This list of types also restricts which notes will be accepted during a [MARC import](#).

## Ordering

Vocabulary items are shown in the insertion order in the controlled vocabulary file. Ordering of Units has no effect on the order in which facet values appear in the search interface.